



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of : Confirmation No. 4358

Tadamasa TOMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0815A

Serial No. 10/580,468 : Group Art Unit 2621

Filed May 25, 2006 :

STREAM GENERATION APPARATUS,  
STREAM GENERATION METHOD,  
CODING APPARATUS, CODING METHOD,  
RECORDING MEDIUM AND  
PROGRAM THEREOF :

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: